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Subject: RE: Additional MOF Media Query -- Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Thanks Scott. This is helpful.

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Brigitte – thanks for your help and advice today.
Our MO answered the query from CBC Ottawa – thought you might be interested in the response.
Thanks
Scott

Media Outlet: CBC Ottawa

Reporter: Krystalle Ramlakhan

Question: The Ottawa Coalition of Business Improvement Areas and the Ottawa Board of Trade are calling on all levels of government for financial support for businesses who have had to close or have been impacted and lost revenue because of the protests in Ottawa.

I am working on a story for CBC News, and wondering if the Government of Ontario is planning to do anything to support these businesses financially who have been impacted by the protests.

I am hopeful you can get me a response by the end of the day today. Let me know, thanks!

Link to open letter:

<https://ocobia.org/ocobia-request-trucker-convoy-protest-in-ottawa-business-support/>

Response: (From MO Press Secretary, Emily Hogeveen)

Since the first day of the pandemic, the government has provided unprecedented levels of support to protect people, jobs and our economy, including providing targeted relief of grants, rebates and provincially-administered tax deferrals for businesses impacted by the public health measures aimed at slowing the spread of the Omicron variant.

The same week that businesses in Ontario have begun to safely reopen, too many businesses in Ottawa have felt the need to close their doors for health and safety reasons associated with the ongoing protest.

As the Premier said last week – it is time to go home and let small businesses safely open their doors for the people of Ottawa.

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